

Dear Former Player, Coach, Fan and Friend,

I received the news the other day that we all knew would eventually come, but we hoped wouldn't. The man who touched so many took his final breath. It seems like now more than ever is a time to honor Coach Jerry Waugh and his legacy. That is my reason for writing you today.

The greatest coaches are not just your coach. They are your teacher, your mentor, your advocate, your parent when your parents can't be there, and if you are lucky, once the coaching is done, they become your friend. Coach Waugh was all of these things and much more to so many. I know we all have countless memories, tokens of advice and special moments we have shared with Coach. I will never forget the time he sat us down to share his dating advice, "A tiger cannot change its stripes," was his subtle hint that we should stop hoping that our current love interests would change. The advice and unique one liners were priceless, but the one thing he continually mentioned during my tenure at KU and again to a group of us back in February, was that golf is not about the game, in the end "golf is the people you are with." Coach Waugh wanted to ensure that we were taking full advantage of the opportunities we had been given. That our lives weren't just about our most recent golf score, but about every memory and fun opportunity we experienced along the way. I truly believe that is why our time at KU with Coach was so special. We were lucky enough to be a part of one of the greatest athletic departments in the country with one of the greatest coaches of all time, and he ensured our time there would be filled with memories on and off the course that would last a lifetime.

We started the Jerry Waugh Women's Golf Endowment in his honor to ensure that all players going forward can have a similar experience. Although they won't get to know Coach firsthand, this endowment will keep Coach's legacy alive and allow the program the ability to create fun experiences for the team both on and off the course. Our goal is to raise \$150k in the first year of the endowment and we need everyone's help to do that. Whether you played for Coach, were on the sidelines with him coaching, or were a friend who sought his advice over the years, our hope is that you will contribute to his legacy. With everyone's help we can ensure that the coach who gave so much to all of us can continue to impact the lives of young athletes for years to come.

All the best,

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